

FISCAL NOTE

HB 710 - SB 637

March 30, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires first and second term inmates without a high school diploma or a general education development diploma (GED) to attend GED examination preparation classes. The provision applies to inmates who are sentenced to two or more years of incarceration after June 30, 2003. Exception is given for inmates where it is certified to the warden that these classes are not in the best interest of the inmate due to disability.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$1,113,100 Recurring
\$2,750,000 One-Time**

Estimate is based upon creating 869 additional educational slots and includes recurring state expenditures for 25 additional correctional teachers and associated operating costs. One-time state expenditures include capital costs of \$2,500,000 for the construction of classrooms and \$250,000 for equipment, furniture, etc.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director